

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1-21, 24-25, and 29 have been amended and claims 31-40 have been added. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-40 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed April 12, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-30. The Applicant submits that the claims now pending continue to distinguish the present invention from the previously cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims as amended and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, with reference to Attorney Docket No. 108075-00114.

Respectfully submitted,

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